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January 18, 2003

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Secretary of Transportation Whittington W. Clement
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Clement:


It has come to the attention of the Fairfax Coalition for Smarter Growth that a private company, possibly Fluor Daniel, has been negotiating a public-private partnership arrangement with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to widen I-495 in Northern Virginia along some or all of the route for which public hearings were conducted in May 2002.

Expansion of the Beltway in this area by whatever construction or funding arrangement would be directly counter to the overwhelming expression of citizen and business opposition to VDOT's widening proposals documented in these hearings.

Therefore, the Fairfax Coalition for Smarter Growth hereby requests pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and/or the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) statutes **all public records** that pertain to **any** public-private partnerships that may have been, or might be, formed for the purpose of widening I-495 within Fairfax County on any segment of I-495 between the I-95/I-495 Springfield Interchange and the American Legion Bridge. Such public records may include, but are not limited to: (1) all drafts and final negotiating and negotiated documents, (2) written correspondence, (3) emails, (4) staff and potential private partner analyses, prepared by VDOT or furnished to VDOT or other state offices, by potential private partners, (5) cost projections, (6) spreadsheets, and (7) state government staff notes pertaining to such negotiations with the Commonwealth of Virginia that bear upon proposals for any such

We look forward to receiving these documents, or information on the conditions under which they will be made available to us, as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,


Paul S. Hughes
President

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January 28, 2003

Mr. Paul S. Hughes
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Dear Mr. Hughes:

Thank you for your letter dated January 18 and received in this office on January 21 relating to your request for all public records in this office pertaining to any public-private partnerships, actual or potential, formed for the purpose of widening I-495 in Northern Virginia.

In response to your request, I am providing a complete copy of a proposal by Fluor Daniel dated June 26, 2002 to construct HOT lanes on I-495.

While this correspondence responds to your request under the Freedom of Information Act, I know that you will have many additional questions about this proposal. Since this proposal is a private sector initiative, I would encourage you to speak directly to the project manager at Fluor Daniel. They may be able to provide additional information for you to understand this project.

I look forward to working with you on this and other transportation issues affecting Northern Virginia and the entire Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Whittington W. Clement

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Attachment

Copy: Richard L. Walton, Esq., Office of the Attorney General
Mr. Gary Groat, Fluor Daniel